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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS FOR I-110/I-405 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN SOUTH BAY

TORRANCE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) today announced that construction has begun on the Harbor Freeway (I-110) and San Diego Freeway (I-405) interchange, which when completed, will ease traffic congestion for approximately 275,000 motorists who travel it daily.

"Projects like this interchange improvement help us improve mobility and remedy traffic bottlenecks in heavily traveled areas like this corridor," said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. "When finished, this project will improve the flow of traffic through this vital traffic artery for years to come."

The \$35 million I-110/I-405 interchange improvement project will widen the northbound San Diego Freeway connector to southbound Harbor Freeway. By adding a new lane at this loop ramp/connector, this project will alleviate an existing bottleneck. A new auxiliary lane will also be constructed from the I-110/I-405 interchange to Del Amo Boulevard. Construction is anticipated to be completed in 2020.

"Once completed, improvements at the I-110/I-405 interchange will ease congestion, decrease commute times and increase safety on this critical inter-regional artery," said Caltrans District 7 Director Carrie Bowen. "This interchange not only serves the South Bay, but also visitors and businesses throughout Southern California."

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) provided seed funding for the project's initial environmental work through its Measure R transportation sales tax that was approved by voters in 2008.

"Traffic is a thief — stealing time that could be spent with our loved ones and money from our economy that could go into greater productivity," said L.A. Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti. "This highway improvement eases congestion at one of our most congested interchanges, letting Angelenos spend less time in gridlock and more time at their homes, on the job, and with their families."







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Caltrans and its federal and local transportation partners are investing billions in Los Angeles County in projects that will repair highways and bridges, make driving safer and reduce congestion on commuter and freight corridors. This project is funded through the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP), which is the state's "fix it first" program that funds the repair and preservation, emergency repairs, safety improvements and some highway operational improvements on the State Highway System.

The contractor for the project is OHL USA, Inc. of Irvine, California.

Caltrans reminds you to "Be Work Zone Alert."

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